

RALPH WALDO EMERSON HOME

Lexington Road and Cambridge Turnpike, Concord

Ralph Waldo Emerson lived in this handsome, unpretentious frame house from 1835 until his death in 1882. After graduating from Harvard in 1821, Emerson became a minister, and although he left that calling in 1831, he continued to “preach” through poems, essays, and lectures. All his major works espousing and explaining his personal transcendental philosophy and his belief in the power of man to change for the better were prepared here. The house is maintained as a memorial to its famous occupant and is open to the public.